

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  NORTHWEST IOWA POWER COOPERATIVE	DOCKET NO. E-21451
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**ORDER REVISING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND HEARING DATE**

(Issued March 13, 2001)

On March 8, 2001, Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative (NIPCO) filed a Motion to Continue Hearing and Request for Scheduling Conference. A telephone conference call on the motion was held on March 13, 2001. Participating in the conference call were Mr. Michael Joynt and Mr. Mark Landa, attorneys for NIPCO; Ms. Jennifer Easler, attorney for the Office of Consumer Advocate, Iowa Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate); and Mr. Lyle Ditmars, attorney for Mr. and Mrs. Ring.

At the conference call the parties agreed to an amended procedural schedule and hearing date. Mr. Ditmars stated he would be filing an appearance and probably an objection on behalf of the Rings in the near future.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. NIPCO's motion to continue the hearing and request for a scheduling conference is hereby granted.

2. The procedural schedule and hearing date are hereby amended as follows:

a. On or before April 13, 2001, NIPCO must file prepared direct testimony and exhibits relating to its petition for franchise. In its testimony, NIPCO must address the issues and questions enumerated in the body of the March 5<sup>th</sup> procedural order, and must include as an exhibit its plan and profile drawings of the transmission lines.

b. On or before May 4, 2001, the Consumer Advocate and any objector may file prepared responsive testimony and exhibits.

c. On or before May 25, 2001, NIPCO may file prepared rebuttal testimony and exhibits.

d. A public hearing for the presentation of evidence and the cross-examination of witnesses will be held beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 5, 2001, in the Avoca Court House, 201 N. Elm Street, Avoca, Iowa. Parties also must be available for hearing on June 6, 2001 in the event the hearing is not completed on June 5, 2001. Persons with disabilities who will require assistive services or devices to observe this hearing or participate in it should contact the Utilities Board at (515) 281-5256 in advance of the scheduled date to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

3. All other sections of the procedural order and notice of hearing remain in effect.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Amy L. Christensen  
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Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Acting Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2001.